

## **Executive Order 2005-27**

### **Establishing the Arizona State Quarter Commission**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Mint has implemented the 50 State Quarters® Program (the “Program”) in accordance with Public Law No. 105-124, to commemorate each of the 50 states in the order in which the states ratified the United States Constitution and joined the Union; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Law No. 105-124 Sec. 3 (b)(A), “Each of the 50 designs required under this subsection for quarter dollars shall be (i) selected by the Secretary after consultation with “(I) the Governor of the State being commemorated, or such other State officials or group as the State may designate for such purpose;” and

**WHEREAS**, under the Program, for the 10-year period 1999 through 2008, the United States will annually issue five quarter dollar coins with state designs displayed on the reverse side of the coins; and

**WHEREAS**, each state has an opportunity to develop and submit designs representative of the state, its history and geography; and

**WHEREAS**, quarter dollar coins have a commercial lifespan of at least 30 years and are collected for generations, providing an opportunity for wide distribution of an enduring symbol of Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona entered the Union as the 48<sup>th</sup> state on February 14, 1912, and the quarter dollar honoring the State of Arizona will be issued in 2008;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona State Quarter Commission (the “Commission”) is established to develop the narrative design concepts to be presented to the United States Mint, and make recommendations to the Governor regarding the final design of the Arizona State quarter in accordance with the Program.
2. The Commission shall be composed of the following members, each of whom shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Governor.
  - The Director of the Arizona Historical Society, or designee
  - The State Treasurer, or designee
  - The Executive Director of the Arizona Arts Commission, or designee
  - The Executive Director of the Arizona Humanities Council, or designee
  - The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee

- The Director of the Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, or designee
  - Four (4) members of the Arizona Legislature: one each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, each of whom shall serve as ex-officio members.
  - A member of the American Numismatic Association who resides in Arizona, or designee
  - Governor's Office designee
  - Public members appointed by the Governor, as follows:
    - a. High-school social studies teacher
    - b. School district arts coordinator
    - c. K-12 student
    - d. At least twelve (12) public citizens at large (determined by the Governor and representing the geographic, demographic and artistic diversity of the state)
3. One member of the Commission shall be selected by the Governor as the Commission Chair. If a member of the Commission is unable to serve, a replacement shall be selected consistent with the Commission appointment procedure set forth herein.
4. The Commission shall adopt a procedure for the solicitation, review and consideration of all narrative design concepts received by the Commission. The Commission's procedures shall be consistent with the requirements of the 50 States Commemorative Coin Act. In addition, the Commission is to review and consider graphic designs that were submitted to the Governor's Office before the creation of the Commission. By September 2006, the Commission shall submit three (3) to five (5) narrative concepts for the Arizona quarter to the United States Mint.
5. To the extent possible, the Commission shall include K-12 schools in the process of submitting design narratives, recommending design selections, and participating in the Program Lesson Plans prepared by the United States Mint.
6. When the United States Mint provides the state with its final design renderings of the narrative concepts, the Commission shall provide an opportunity for public comment and make a record of public support or opposition for each design. The Commission shall consider such comments and recommend a final selection to the Governor. The Governor shall have final approval of the design submitted to the United States Mint.
7. The Commission shall assist the United States Mint in the coordination of the public unveiling of Arizona's state quarter in 2008.

8. The Commission and this Executive Order shall expire by their own terms when the Arizona state quarter is publicly unveiled in Arizona, unless extended by further order of the Governor.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
GOVERNOR



Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 5th day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

**ATTEST:**

  
SECRETARY OF STATE